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DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the salaries of Blocks and Heads Quarter Staff of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDA) development wing were given under plan head till 1996-97;

(b) whether the 50 percent of which was reimbursed under IRDP and 2 per cent of allocation were allowed as administrative expenses abolished under the substituted programmes as SGSY and JGSY, earlier JRY;

(c) whether the above abolition caused an extra burden to the State like Assam and thus raising indirectly the State share to more than 25 per cent;

(d) whether the Government propose to reduce the state share at least 25 percent with retrospective effect;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a)to(f): Under the erstwhile Scheme of `Strengthening of Block Level Administration and setting up of Monitoring Cells at the state headquarters` the expenditure on account of staff created with the prior approval of the Govt. of India under the erstwhile scheme of IRDP, was shared on 50:50 basis between the Centre and the States. The Central assistance under the Scheme was given under the plan head till 1996-97.

The permissible administrative cost for the state and its subordinate offices namely DRDAs and Blocks was admissible as follows under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY).

(i) IRDP :10% of the allocation for District having 8 or more blocks, 12.5 % for Districtshaving 5 to 7 blocks and 15% for Districts upto 4 Blocks. Not more than 10% of the permissible administrative cost above the District level could be utilized at the State level.

(ii) JRY: 2% of the allocation for the Districts where all blocks are covered under EAS; 2.5% for others. Not more than 10% of the permissible administrative cost above the District level could be utilized at the State level.

A new Scheme of DRDA Administration was introduced from 1.4.1999 to provide full administrative support to the DRDAs on the cost sharing basis of 75:25 between the Centre and the State.2% administrative expenditure earmarked under other schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development including the JGSY/JRY stand merged with the new Scheme of DRDA Administration w.e.f. 1.4.99. Since the entire expenditure of DRDA Administration is met under the new Scheme, there is no extra burden on the State Governments including Assam.